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**Mediated Activation of Their Encoding Genes** 

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## **Preliminary Amendment**

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## -- Related Applications

This application is a continuation application of USSN 09/367,170, filed August 9, 1999, which claims the priority benefit of International Application PCT/US97/22454, filed December 9, 1997, which in turn claims the priority benefit as a continuation in part of USSN 60/032,260, filed December 9, 1996. The full contents of all the foregoing patent applications are hereby incorporated herein by reference. —

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